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"(b) The following scheme was sanctioned for execution during the first year, i.e., 1947–48: Restoration of Mella tank in Gothipadiya village in the Markapur taluk in Kurnool district.

The particulars in regard to the scheme are as follows:— Estimated cost——Rs. 54,500 for works only or Rs. 70,906 if direct and indirect charges are included.

Additional extent to be brought under irrigation—300 acres.

"(c) No.

"(d) Yes. A note[a] on the subject is laid on the table of the House." 11-15 a.m.

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"While I am grateful to the Hon. Member especially for the note regarding returns, may I know, Sir, on what basis this classification was made and the returns fixed?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"This classification must have been based on the condition of the area concerned but as I have already stated in the answer we are re-examining the whole basis."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"Is the Hon. Minister aware, Sir, that in 1942 the Government accepted the recommendation of the Board of Revenue and of the Chief Engineer that irrigation works in connexion with famine areas would be individually considered on their own merits irrespective of any return of interest on outlay and such works should be financed from the general revenues?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"That is so and that is what we are exactly doing, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"If that is so why a scheme like Venkatareddigunda tank in Edavalli, Markapur taluk, has been dropped on the plea of low return, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"I would like to have notice for this, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government have issued instructions to the Chief Engineer that he should not undertake detailed investigation of any scheme fetching a possible return of 1 per cent and below?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"I would like to have notice, Sir."

Provincial and Regional Councils for Industry.

* 87 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of setting up Provincial and Regional Advisory Councils for Industry to advise Government on industrial conditions and general production questions?

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 474–475 infra.

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The Government constituted in August 1944 a Committee representative of all interests, official as well as non-official, from several parts of the Province, to advise generally and make suggestions on post-war reconstruction work. Various sub-committees were formed by this Committee to deal with particular kinds of post-war reconstruction work and they submitted their recommendations to the Government for consideration. The Committee and the sub-committees are not functioning now."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, what happened to the reports of these various sub-committees that were appointed?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I believe they are being examined, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of referring these reports to the Industrial Planning Committee they have appointed so that these may receive their attention?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I would submit, Sir, that as the hon. Member is a member of the Committee, he may call for such reports and the Government are always ready to co-operate with them."

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I would submit, Sir, that as the answer is a long one, it has been ordered to be printed and I shall try to have the answer circulated to-morrow."

(Postponed.)

Encouragement of the tourist trade.

* 89 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government have at any time considered the question of encouraging the tourists' and holidays trade;

(b) whether the Government are aware that in all advanced countries boards are set up to foster and develop the tourists' catering and holiday services; and

(c) whether in view of the existence of many natural beauty spots, hill stations, etc., the Government propose to give attention to this important subject?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) The Government have no information about the Boards set up in other countries.

" (c) The Government have at present no such proposals under their consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government obtain information about this from other countries where good work is being done in this direction as this tourist trade is a source of national income, Sir?"